

We have a lot of legislation to do when we come back. We need to get to this as quickly as possible. With that, there should be no doubt on our side of the determination and President Bush's commitment on this matter and to get this done as soon as possible.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if I may say a final word. The problem with the managers' amendment, all the amendments are Republicans' amendments. We don't have the numbers, but I think we have a few amendments that would strengthen the bill. We have discussed this publicly and privately and here is where we are. It is unfortunate. It is something that should be done. There is not a country in the world, in my opinion, that deserves more attention than India—maybe some as much as them, but they have been a good partner of ours. I think this would be a step forward for the world and our two countries.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, it is my understanding the managers' amendment has been worked out between Senator LUGAR and Senator BIDEN to their satisfaction.

We all agree that it is critical to do this as soon as possible. We have this promise of a new relationship between our Nation and India, which is the world's largest democracy, and it is a relationship President Bush has begun to construct. That can only grow if Congress delivers on the commitment the President put forward to revise the U.S. law. There should be no doubt about our determination to deliver on President Bush's commitment.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 483 until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 9, and that following the prayer and the pledge, the Senate stand in adjournment until Monday, November 13, at 2 p.m. I further ask that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate on November 9, Senators be permitted to introduce bills and submit statements and the Senate receive messages until 10:30 a.m. on November 9.

I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge on Monday, November 13, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, it has been a long day. We are into our second day now, as it is about 2:20 in the

morning. It has been a productive day with the passage of the Defense appropriations conference report, the border security fence bill, the Homeland Security appropriations conference report, the Iran Libya Sanctions Act, and several other key legislative and executive items.

We will return on November 9 for a brief session for the introduction of bills, but no business will be conducted. We will return on Monday, November 13. We will have a busy week, with orientation of new Members and our party conferences. I don't expect votes to begin that week until sometime later Tuesday afternoon. We will get word to Members as to the timing of any votes.

THANKING THE SENATE STAFF

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if the Senator will yield. I know I speak for both of us in expressing our appreciation to our Senate staff. It is 2:30 in the morning, and they have been here long, long hours. We get a lot of things done here, but it is not on our own. We have a wonderful staff that does so much.

We have the pages, some of whom are still here, and they are juniors in high school. We have the doorkeepers, the Capitol Police, the official reporters, and the fine floor staff that makes it possible to get all this complicated stuff done. It could not be done without them. They get very little recognition.

To them, I say thank you very much to all of you who do such wonderful things for us personally, and it all winds up being for our country.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I second that as well. It is interesting, when you are around here at 2:30 in the morning—or, as I said at my retirement dinner, when you are here early in the morning and are among the first people who come in and usually one of the last people leaving, because generally Senator REID and I are here to close, you get to see a side of this place that a lot of people don't see—the people who keep it clean, who sweep the floors, make sure light bulbs are in place, who make sure there is always clean paint on the walls. It is pretty amazing. It reminds me of a hospital a lot because people get sick 24 hours a day. This is very similar in that the hours are unpredictable, and it is a living democracy in which we have the opportunity to participate. It is one big, huge team that makes it possible. We very rarely pause and say that. It is very important as we all work together to make the country a safer, healthier, and stronger place.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006, AT 10 A.M.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 483.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:26 a.m., adjourned until Thursday, November 9, 2006, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 29, 2006:

THE JUDICIARY

WILLIAM LINDSAY OSTEN, JR., OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA, VICE WILLIAM L. OSTEN, SR., RETIRED.

MARTIN KARL REIDINGER, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA, VICE GRAHAM C. MULLEN, RETIRED.

THOMAS D. SCHROEDER, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA, VICE FRANK W. BULLOCK, JR., RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JOHN ROBERTS HACKMAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE JOHN FRANCIS CLARK.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

ROBERT F. HOYT, OF MARYLAND, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, VICE ARNOLD I. HAVENS, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE FOLLOWING FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:

To be captain

RAYMOND C. SLAGLE

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE FOLLOWING FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:

To be ensign

CARYN M. ARNOLD
MATTHEW T. BURTON
JAMES T. FALKNER
MARK K. FRYDRYCH
JUSTIN T. KEESEE
JENNIFER L. KING
BENJAMIN M. LACOUR
CHAD M. MECKLEY
MEGAN A. NADEAU
CARL G. RHODES
CHRISTOPHER S. SKAPIN
JOSHUA J. SLATER
TIMOTHY M. SMITH
RYAN C. WATTAM
MARC E. WEEKLEY
PHOEBE A. WOODWORTH

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR PERSONNEL ACTION IN THE REGULAR COMPONENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS THEREFORE AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND REGULATIONS:

To be assistant surgeon

CHRISTOPHER J. BENSON
SAMUEL A. MC ARTHUR
CHAYANIN MUSIKASINTHORN

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATE FOR PERSONNEL ACTION IN THE REGULAR COMPONENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS THEREFORE AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND REGULATIONS:

1. FOR APPOINTMENT:

To be assistant surgeon

LEAH HILL

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED, FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JAMES A. JIMENEZ, OF FLORIDA
NATHANIEL SEKOU TURNER, OF MARYLAND

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE TO BE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND/OR SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS INDICATED: CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

THOMAS J. BRENNAN, OF MISSOURI
LAURA A. GIMENEZ, OF CALIFORNIA
JANE KITSON, OF MARYLAND
ERIC P. OLSON, OF COLORADO

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JEFFREY D. ADLER, OF MASSACHUSETTS